

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you NOT to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I do not believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me, but actually decrease the options and competition.

The combined company will lower the choices that one has for types of service and equipment in all markets.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in decreased competition in the broadband market.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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